
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP MORE COLLABORATIVE
INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, as expressed in chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, the Legislature created the Hawaii Community
3 Development Authority and its community development districts to
4 develop "communities which serve the highest needs and
5 aspirations of Hawaii's people"; and
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7 WHEREAS, the community residents are important stakeholders
8 who have an interest in development in their community
9 development districts; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature received complaints that the
12 Hawaii Community Development Authority has repeatedly
13 disregarded and failed to act on community concerns expressed at
14 the Hawaii Community Development Authority community meetings,
15 public hearings, and board meetings; and
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17 WHEREAS, Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, was enacted
18 to address community concerns, but the Hawaii Community
19 Development Authority, instead of providing venues for
20 developers to meet with community stakeholders informally, has
21 implemented contested case procedures that further discourage
22 expression of legitimate community concerns; and
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24 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature
25 introduced S.B. No. 906 to create a less formal and less
26 adversarial dialogue that, by encouraging the Hawaii Community
27 Development Authority, developers, and the community to work
28 together, implements the community engagement policy set forth
29 in section 206E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State and
2 community development districts to implement clear, fair, open,
3 and collaborative procedures that achieve the goals of chapter
4 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that a working group be
9 convened to develop more collaborative information and decision-
10 making policies and procedures for community engagement as it
11 relates to community development districts; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Senate
14 Committee on Human Services and Housing and the Chairperson of
15 the Senate Committee on Water and Land are requested to serve as
16 Co-Chairpersons of the working group; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
19 to include:

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21 (1) Community stakeholders, including but not limited to
22 landowners, developers, small business owners, and
23 residents, as selected by the Co-Chairpersons;
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25 (2) Up to four Hawaii Community Development Authority
26 members; and
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28 (3) Others as deemed appropriate by the Co-Chairpersons;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
32 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
34 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
35 of 2016; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
38 on June 30, 2016; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
42 Hawaii Community Development Authority.

